

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. Ito et al. Attorney Docket No.: NAI1127770
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Title: CROSSLINKED POLYROTAXANE AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 29, 2010. Presently, Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372.

Group I: Claims 1 and 5-16, drawn to a crosslinked polyrotaxane;

Group II: Claims 2-4, drawn to a crosslinked polyrotaxane;

Group III: Claims 17-21, drawn to a method for preparing a crosslinked polyrotaxane;

Group IV: Claims 22-37, drawn to an external stimulus-responsive material comprising a polyrotaxane.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the Group I claims (Claims 1 and 5-16) for initial prosecution. Applicants respectfully submit that the Group III claims (Claims 17-21) should be considered for rejoinder if the Group I claims are allowed, as permitted under M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application(s) drawn to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may contact the applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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